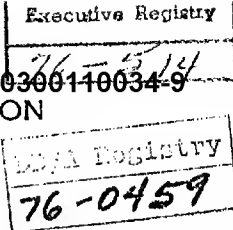


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Honorable William E. Colby
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Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

Current FSS Schedules include many communications items (FSC Group 58), test instruments (FSC Group 66), photographic items (FSC Group 67), and office machines (FSC Group 74) that have a significant data processing capability. In some instances, the same, or similar equipment, appears on ADP Schedules (FSC Group 70) as well. We are taking action to resolve this classification problem. In the interim, however, the questions of proper classification and whether agencies should procure this equipment in accordance with policies and procedures governing the acquisition of automatic data processing equipment (ADPE) could cause confusion and/or delays in some agency procurements.

Pending resolution of the above problems, we are granting each agency a blanket delegation of procurement authority to acquire items with an inherent ADP capability from FSS Schedules for FSC Groups 58, 66, 67, and 74 (see item 1 of the Enclosure). This delegation of authority shall remain in force until cancelled or superseded. However, the limitations set forth in the enclosure shall be complied with for all procurements made pursuant to this delegation.

This delegation of procurement authority may affect both on-going and future procurements within your agency. We recommend, therefore, that this matter be brought to the attention of all procurement offices under your jurisdiction.

If you, or members of your staff, have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Jay E. Rice of our ADP Procurement Division on (202) 343-8888.

Sincerely,

Jack Eckerd
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Administrator
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LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORITY TO PROCURE ITEMS WITH AN INHERENT ADP
CAPABILITY FROM FSS SCHEDULES FOR
FSC GROUPS 58, 66, 67, AND 74

1. "Items with an inherent ADP capability" include:

a. All items that appear on both an ADP Schedule for FSC Group 70 and a FSS Schedule for FSC Groups 58, 66, 67, or 74, and

b. All items on the above FSS Schedules where there is a similar item available from an ADP Schedule for FSC Group 70 that will perform the functions necessary to meet the agency's requirements.

2. All provisions of the applicable procurement regulations shall be followed.

3. The following provisions of the Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) shall be adhered to:

a. the specific requirements of FPMR 101-32.13 pertaining to Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS),

b. the specific requirements of FPMR 101-32.2 pertaining to the Sharing Exchange Program,

c. the specific requirements of FPMR 101-32.3 concerning the utilization and reporting of excess equipment, and

d. the specific requirements of FPMR 101-35.2 pertaining to communications shall be complied with, if applicable.

4. The policies contained in paragraphs 6a and 6b of Federal Management Circular (FMC) 74-5 shall be complied with.

5. Each acquisition of equipment, as specified in 1 above, from FSS Schedules is subject to the provisions of FPMR 101-26.405. Since Subpart 101-26.4 and 101-32.4 are in conflict on the mandatory use of schedules, each such acquisition from FSS Schedules made pursuant to this DPA must be supported by a determination that the use of the FSS Schedule represents the lowest cost alternative available for satisfying the requirement, or the procurement file shall be documented with an appropriate sole source justification in accordance with FPMR 101-32.403-5.

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